

Chapter 27 – The Fellowship of Saints – #6

★ What are some practical things that God requires of us?

John 15:12-17 – we are to LOVE ONE ANOTHER – (1 Thess 3:12; 4:9... 1 Peter 1:22; 3:8; 4:8-11... 1 John 3:11, 14-23; 4:7; 11-12... 2 John 5)

Romans 12:10-16 – we are to LOVE one another as FAMILY – (Hebrews 13:1... Matthew 25:40... John 13:35)

Romans 15:5-7 – we are to PLEASE one another... be LIKE-MINDED, and RECEIVE one another... just as Christ “*received*” (*accepted; welcomed*) us...

Romans 15:14 – we are to ADMONISH one another – this involves biblical confrontation in order to promote biblical change – 1 Thessalonians 5:14... 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 – _____

Uniformity – *having the same form...*

Unity – *‘a condition of harmony...*

Diversity – *‘the condition of having or being composed of differing elements: variety...*

Dealing with our differences... 1 Corinthians 1:9-17

(1st) By Focusing on OUR SAVIOR – (1:13)

(2nd) By Thinking about THE CROSS – (1:18)

(3rd) By Remembering GOD’S GRACE – (1:26-29) ... Philippians 2:1-8... Ephesians 4:1-16

(4th) In Loyal Submission to GOD’S WORD – (1:30)... 2 Timothy 3:16-17

'Unity is not a result of sameness. Rather unity results when love intersects with difference. It is self-love that hates difference. It is self-love that makes you impatient. It is self-love that makes you want your own way. It is self-love that convinces you that your way is the right way. It is self-love that makes winning (in your relationships) more attractive unity.' – **Paul Tripp**, *What Did You Expect?* (p.171)

'Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. He attaches far more importance to godly intercourse than we do. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation.' - **C.H. Spurgeon**

Galatians 5:13-15 – _____

Ephesians 4:31-32 – _____

Ephesians 5:19-21 – _____

Ephesians 6:18 – _____

'A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses. I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner.' – **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community*

1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14 – _____

Hebrews 3:12-14 – _____

Hebrews 10:24-25 – _____